GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF KHAGARIA AND ARARIA DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has submitted the proposals for the integrated development of Khagaria and Araria districts during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government of Bihar has submitted the project reports of Khagaria, Araria and Forbesganj towns for coverage under the Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme. Khagaria and Araria towns were covered in the year 2000-2001 for an approved project cost of Rs.190.42 lakhs and Rs.199.80 lakhs, respectively. First instalment of central assistance amounting to Rs.15.00 lakh each was released to these two towns in February,2001.

Forbesganj (Araria District) town was covered under IDSMT Scheme in the year 1996-97 for an approved project cost of Rs.188.86 lakhs and Central Assistance amounting to Rs.15.00 lakhs was released in March, 1997. The balance Central Assistance of Rs.69.99 lakhs has been released in March, 2002 on receipt of the Utilisation Certificate for the earlier release of Central Assistance.